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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 et seq., Applicants, through and by their attorneys, hereby wish to direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the attached modified PTO Form 1449 and the copies of those documents presented herewith for the Examiner's review and convenience.

Applicants also wish to bring the following commonly-assigned pending patent applications to the attention of the Examiner:

- U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/527,776 filed March 17, 2000, by Yung H. Huang et al. for "A PRE-FASTENED ADJUSTABLE MECHANICAL FASTENER GARMENT."
- U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/675,544 filed September 28, 2000, by Jennifer E. Pozniak et al. for "PANT-LIKE DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLES WITH RELEASABLE SEAMS AND A FOLDED FASTENING FEATURE."
- U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/706,150 filed November 3, 2000, by Jennifer E. Pozniak et al. for "PANT-LIKE DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLES WITH A RELEASABLE LINE OF WEAKNESS AND A FASTENER."

These applications are not listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449; however, copies of these applications are provided herewith.

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Additionally, submission of any document is not to be taken as an admission of the materiality of the document to the prosecution of the present application.

The Examiner is requested to review each cited document and personally determine its prior art status.

Applicants recommend that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

Applicants request the Examiner, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, to indicate and make of record receipt and review of all of these documents by initialing the appropriate box in the accompanying PTO-1449. Applicants request that the undersigned receive a copy of the initialed PTO-1449.

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